

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Reissue Application	)	
of U. S. Patent No. 5,872,229	)	
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Applicants: Abbott Laboratories	)	Group Art Unit:
	)	TBA
Granted: February 16, 1999	)	
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For: Process for 6-O-Alkylation of	)	TBA
Erythromycin Derivatives	)	

**STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mailstop Reissue  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered before examination of the above-entitled reissue application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please insert the following new claims:

8. An improved process for preparing 6-O-methylerythromycin A comprising:

(a) reacting a compound of the formula